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Mubarak calls for shared prosperity at Cairo conference

DAVID HARRIS and news agencies CAIRO OPENING the third Middle East/North Africa Economic conference, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak called yesterday for the continuation of "sustained and shared prosperity" for the region.

through privatization and liberalization. "Growth in the 21st century lies in exports," Mubarak said. This is key to creating more jobs, he said.



Jordanians, and the Gulf. Businessmen can feel the potential. The Israeli business delegation has representatives from all sizes of companies, including the heads of big holding firms, like Cial's Avi Olmsansky, and those from

smaller operations, like Barbara Faktor, managing director of Arkia Medical. They all speak optimistically about prospects for a successful three-day conference. Palestinians at the conference lashed out at Israel, however, accusing it of strangling their economy and hindering regional cooperation through the closure of self-rule areas.

"We want this conference to say to Israel, 'Look around you, there are 10,000 businessmen here talking about cooperation and development. But look behind you - if you don't carry out the commitments you made, you won't get any of it,'" he added.



Finance Minister Dan Meridor (left) consults with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel yesterday at Cairo's Middle East/North Africa Economic Conference. Behind them British Trade Minister Anthony Nelson (right) speaks with a member of the United Arab Emirates delegation.

Indyk hosts top-level bid for Hebron deal

BATSHEVA TSUR and DAVID HARRIS



HIGH-LEVEL Israeli and Palestinian negotiators were cloistered in talks last night at the Herzliya Pimuh residence of US Ambassador Martin Indyk in a last-ditch effort to work out an agreement over Hebron by today.

Meanwhile, despite an earlier statement by Foreign Minister David Levy that an agreement was imminent and could even be signed today, other sources in Jerusalem remained pessimistic, saying the gap between the two sides is still too great.

"His presence is necessary here at this sensitive juncture," one official said. The prime minister is due to address the annual assembly of North American Jewish federations in Seattle tomorrow night. The Israeli negotiating team was headed by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, who cut short a visit to soldiers in south Lebanon to hasten to Herzliya. The team included another military adviser, Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, as well as Netanyahu aides Yitzhak Molcho and Dore Gold.

They pointed out that the Palestinians had turned down a bridging proposal put forward by the US. According to the sources, Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat still hopes the US will get Israel to bend on the special security arrangements it would like in Hebron. Earlier, US President Bill Clinton had sent a letter to Arafat urging him to speed up the signing.

drawals in the West Bank, aide David Bar-Ilan told Reuters yesterday.

In Cairo, meanwhile, US mediator Dennis Ross was standing by to see whether to come here today to finalize the agreement. Ross will not come unless there is sure ground to tread on, a source said.

An agreement on the IDF redeployment in Hebron could be signed today, Levy said in Cairo last night. Both Levy and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher said an agreement is very close and would almost certainly be reached this week.

Levy hinted at a signing ceremony at the Erez checkpoint between Netanyahu and Arafat, attended by Ross. Throughout the day there were rumors that a deal was very close, but Foreign Ministry officials damped down the speculation. Ross has decided to stay in the region for as long as he is needed.

"We are very close to a deal," Levy said. "There is no reason to put this off any longer."

Levy reported that during meetings with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak last week and Foreign Minister Amr Moussa yesterday, Cairo said it is neither encouraging Arafat to delay a decision on the redeployment agreement nor asking him to do anything against his wishes.

Arieh O'Sullivan contributed to this report.

Levy demands Azzam's release

DAVID HARRIS CAIRO

FOREIGN Minister David Levy yesterday demanded the Egyptian government immediately release Azzam Azzam, an Israeli citizen who was arrested last week for spying.

The Foreign Ministry received Cairo's confirmation of Azzam's arrest last night, during the second meeting of the day between Levy and his Egyptian counterpart Amr Moussa.

Levy refused to comment when asked by reporters if Azzam is accused of helping an Egyptian citizen spy for Israel. Levy also refused to comment when asked if the arrest was timed to coincide with the Middle East/North Africa Economic Conference to create a bad atmosphere for the Israeli delegation.

Angered by the week's delay in informing Israel of Azzam's (Continued on Page 2)

State attorney decides to indict Ne'eman

EVELYN GORDON

STATE Attorney Edna Arbel said yesterday that she has decided to indict former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman for perjury and obstructing justice.

However, Ne'eman will not be charged with the crime for which he originally was investigated - suborning a witness - because police were unable to find enough evidence to support an indictment. Arbel told the High Court of Justice.

The investigation of Ne'eman began after *Globe's* journalist Yoav Yitzhak filed a petition opposing Ne'eman's appointment as justice minister in June. Yitzhak accused Ne'eman of a variety of crimes that made him unfit for the post.

Most of Yitzhak's charges had been investigated and found baseless in the past, so the court quickly dismissed them. However, one allegation in the petition - that Ne'eman had tried to persuade a witness in the trial of Shas leader Aryeh Deri not to testify - had never before been investigated.

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair decided to open a police inquiry into that allegation. Martin Brown, the witness

Ne'eman is alleged to have pressured, repeatedly denied the incident took place. Arbel decided there was not enough evidence to make the charge stick.

During the course of the investigation, however, police uncovered evidence to indict Ne'eman on two other counts, according to the state's affidavit to the High Court.

One charge is that Ne'eman committed perjury by submitting a false affidavit to the High Court in response to Yitzhak's petition. According to the draft indictment, Ne'eman lied about his connection to Brown and his association with the Deri trial to mislead the court into dismissing the petition - even though he knew this information could be important to the court.

Perjury carries a maximum penalty of seven years in prison. The second charge is that Ne'eman lied to police about his relationships with Brown, Deri and Deri's lawyer, Dan Avi-Yitzhak, while he was under investigation. This would constitute obstruction of justice.

Before the indictment is filed in court, Ne'eman, who is currently in the US, will have a hearing with Arbel at which he can try to convince her of his innocence. The attorney-general normally conducts such hearings, but because of the bad blood between Ne'eman and himself, Ben-Yair decided it would be better to let Arbel make all decisions in the case. This is also why Arbel, rather than Ben-Yair, made the decision to indict Ne'eman.

Ne'eman has accused Ben-Yair of opening proceedings against him just to protect his own job, following rumors the cabinet intended to fire him. The original accusation against Ne'eman was based on a 1992 police memorandum that allegedly detailed a phone conversation between Brown and police Dep.-Cmdr. Meir Gilboa.

According to the memorandum, Brown called Gilboa after making a statement to the police during their investigation of Deri. He complained that Ne'eman had summoned him to his office the following day and asked: "What are you doing helping the police?"

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Swiss verify 11 claims for Holocaust victims' wealth

ZURICH - A Swiss banking ombudsman in charge of seeking out dormant accounts of Holocaust victims said yesterday that banks had confirmed 11 valid requests for 1.6 million Swiss francs (\$1.3m.) in unclaimed wealth.

Three of these 11 legitimate claims were held in the name of bank customers murdered by the Nazis, ombudsman Hanspeter Haeni said in a statement prepared for delivery at a news conference.

"Two other customers were Jews who lived in Romania and were totally dispossessed during the war on account of discriminatory legislation," Haeni added. He did not name the customers or the banks involved. Haeni did not describe the six other depositors, but the search was broad-ranging, covering accounts dormant up until 1985 on the theory that it would cover any Holocaust victims who died during or after the Nazi era.

"In terms of figures, the results of our activities may seem disappointing at first glance," Haeni said. "I myself consider the results encouraging, just because something has been found."

He said the 51 searches he has conducted so far resulted from 2,229 requests for assistance received during the first nine months of the year. In investigating some cases, Haeni found worthless Romanian bonds from the 1930s and securities from defunct German enterprises.

Throughout, he clearly saw the impact of the stringent currency regulations in Nazi Germany. "The Nazis left nothing to chance," Haeni said. "For example, we have a list of assets that had to be submitted to the authorities. This list also contained a credit balance in Switzerland."

One case "clearly shows" that at least some of the assets were subsequently transferred to Germany, he said. The Nazis confiscated any such assets.

Haeni, whose work has been dismissed by Jewish critics as a "cruel hoax" designed simply to protect Swiss banks, said his office would continue to act as the central contact point for Holocaust account inquiries for an indefinite period.

The cellphone plague: Don't call us - or anybody

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

AT first they were novel. Then they became irritating. Now, Israel's cellular phones have become the modern equivalent of an Egyptian plague.

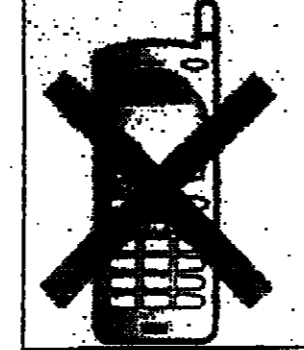
But at last someone seems to have noticed: Tel Aviv yesterday began a drive to make cellphone addicts aware that they are becoming a social scandal and a national nuisance. The municipality has started issuing stickers - proclaiming "No talking on cellular phones here" - and showing a mobile phone with a big red X on it.

This is a plague that drives grown men to charge unbecomingly with flailing arms through other pedestrians

on city sidewalks while shouting into a little rectangle of black plastic.

It may have looked amusing for a while. But now that one can no longer have a quiet morning coffee over the newspaper in a favorite cafe without at least three or four strange creatures hollering into their cellular phones, the joke has worn very thin. Even movies, plays and concerts are interrupted every couple of minutes by some infuriating "drring, drring."

It is no secret that Israelis are addicted to talking (though not, apparently, to listening). Give them a cellphone and they'll babble and yell in supermarkets, in restaurants, in their cars, in the street and in the cubicles of public toilets to someone nowhere in sight. The sign of contemporary friendship is two men pounding along the street side by side, ignoring each other but babbling in unison into their bits of



plastic. In Europe and the US some restaurants have introduced cellphone morons' corners alongside those of the parish smokers. Tel Aviv probably is too late, but its project is at least a small gesture to halt terrorism against innocent citizens by cellular fanatics.

The inspiration came from councilor Amir Halevy, head of the city's inspection department. He found an enthusiastic supporter in Mayor Ronni Milo for what they hope will be a cultural turning point in the nation.

"There are almost one million cellular phones in the country, and Israel is like talking more than any other nation it seems," Halevy said. "And more loudly, too. The cellular phone has turned into a nuisance and harassment."

Halevy decided it was time to take a stand in sympathy with all those citizens who can't even find peace and quiet in a graveyard without the infuriating din of cellphones ding-ding into action all around. Nor is quiet guaranteed in a synagogue, a library or a university lecture hall. About the only places where silence is enforced and respected are hospitals and aircraft, where cellphones endanger important electronic equipment.

"I hope we are spearheading a cultural change," Halevy said. "People will see the sticker and understand they must turn the thing off."

In the next few days, city inspectors will start distributing the stickers on their daily rounds at restaurants and other public places. The stickers will also be available at city hall.

India jet-crash claims 350 lives

ABOUT 350 people were feared dead yesterday, after a Saudi Arabian jumbo jet and a Kazakh airliner collided in midair west of New Delhi, aviation officials said.

If the toll is confirmed, the air disaster will be among the world's five worst for loss of life and the worst involving two aircraft while in flight.

Officials said there were 312 people, including 23 crew members, aboard the Saudi Arabian Airlines' Boeing 747 and 39 people, including 10 crew members, on the other aircraft, a Tupolev TU-154.

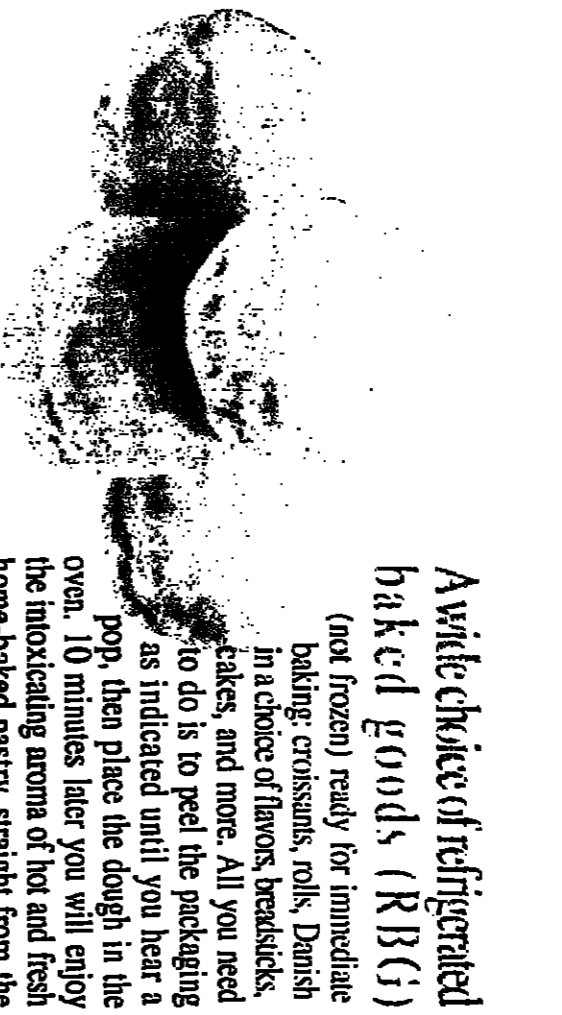
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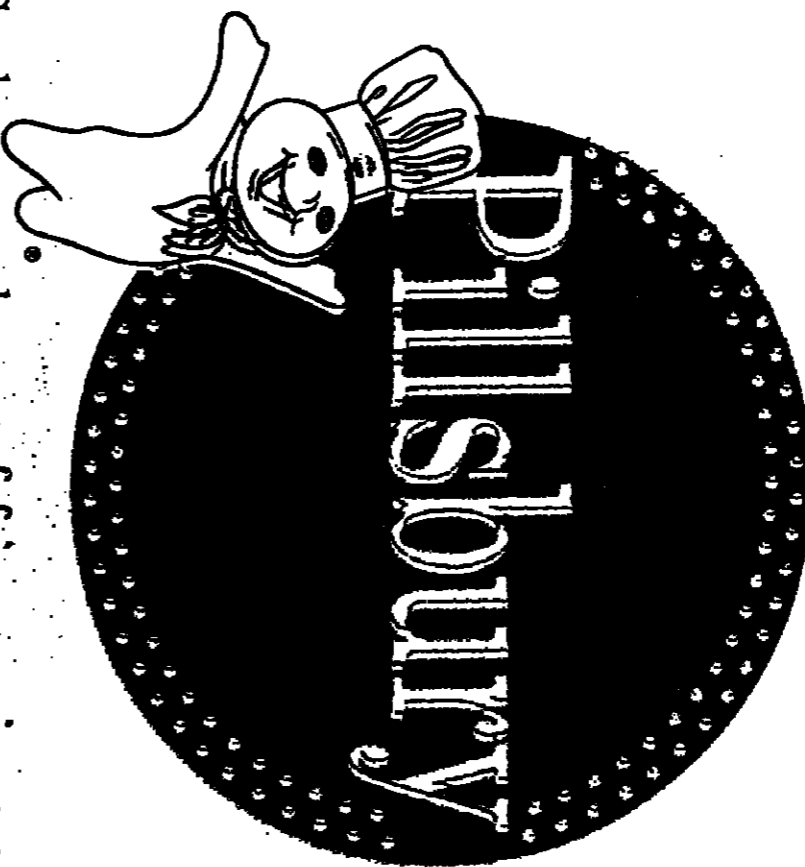
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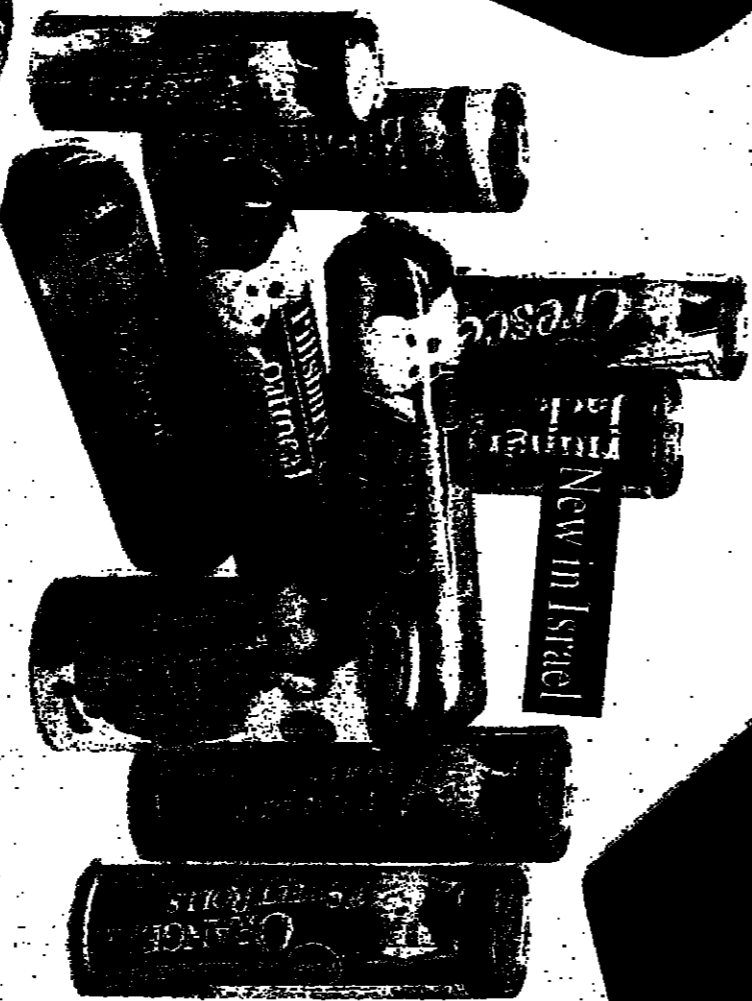


America's Baker now in Israel Pillsbury is America's leading company for dough and cake mixes. As part of the Festival we have brought over cake and muffin mixes in a range of flavors: carrot, pumpkin, cinnamon, lemon and poppyseed, date, apple, and banana. The mixes are simple and really quick to prepare. Just mix, place in the oven and serve - 3 minutes from opening the package to baking in the oven.

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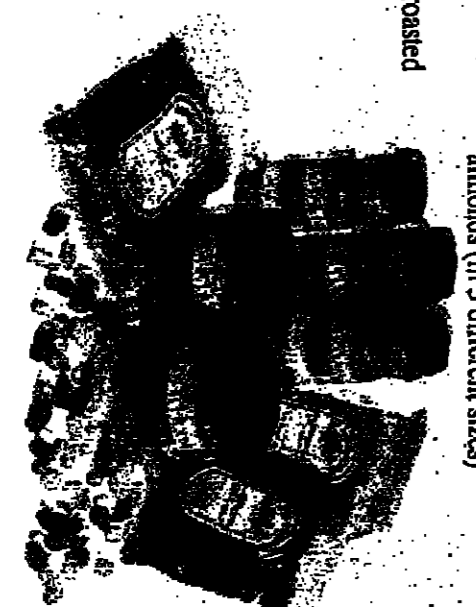
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Tichon: Arabic speeches in Knesset will be translated

ARAB MKs who address the Knesset plenum in Arabic will have their speeches translated into Hebrew, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon promised this week.

LIAT COLLINS

Both Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages, but Arabic has not been used for the past 30 years, because the Arabs themselves have neglected their rights," said MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe. (Democratic Arab Party).

Arab MKs in the present Knesset have increased the number of speeches they give in Arabic, but until now the lack of translation has meant Hebrew speakers have been unable to follow what was said. The speeches also have not been recorded by a stenographer.

Ben-Menahem urges police to weed out pro-pot media

NEWSPAPERS that print recipes for hash brownies or instructions on how to grow marijuana are hardly providing a public service, as they claim to be. They are simply breaking the law, according to MK Eli Ben-Menahem, head of the Knesset's Anti-Drug Abuse Committee.

ESTHER HECHT

He said his paper provides a public service by dispelling myths and supplying much-needed information about the weed. Netiva Ben-Yehuda, an outspoken radio personality, estimated there are 400,000 users nationally.

leads to a rise in addiction and that the number of Dutch addicts cited by Sandak did not include those who were able to work.

Knesset bodies criticize housing situation

THREE Knesset bodies discussed housing-related issues yesterday, and none of the meetings was optimistic.

Knesset panel hears testimony on sexual harassment in IDF

THE IDF objects to being branded a hotbed of sexual harassment, but still can't say how prevalent the problem is, the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women learned yesterday.

Four workers arrested in Haifa strike protest

POLICE arrested four striking workers of the giant Haifa Chemicals plant yesterday during disturbances outside the bayside factory.

collective labor agreement. The firm wants to annul the agreement so it can institute sweeping changes, including cutting over 100 workers.

Spain: UN could OK Zaire force by tomorrow

MADRID (Reuters) - Spain was optimistic yesterday that the United Nations would authorize the deployment of a multinational force by tomorrow to aid more than a million sick and starving refugees.

350 feared dead as airliners collide over India

AROUND 350 people were feared killed yesterday when a Saudi Arabian jumbo jet and a Kazakhstani airliner collided in mid-air west of New Delhi, aviation officials said.

CLARENCE FINNANE
NEW DELHI

The collision occurred at night near the border between India and Pakistan. Officials said wreckage had been scattered in villages in Haryana State, bordering New Delhi.

One aviation source described the aftermath of the collision as "like a bolt of lightning."

Another eyewitness, quoted by the PTI said: "I saw a ball of flames hurtling down and I could make out that it was an aircraft."

Disaster is among worst on record

NEW DELHI (Reuters) Yesterday's mid-air collision near New Delhi, with a feared death toll of up to 350, looks set to be among the world's five worst for loss of life and the worst involving two aircraft in flight.

High Court: Government has 2 months to place Iraqi refugees

THE government has two more months to find states willing to accept six Iraqi refugees who came here three years ago, the High Court of Justice ruled yesterday.

Major risks new crisis with EU over work week

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain headed for a new showdown with its European Union partners on Tuesday, threatening to veto reforms crucial for the bloc's expansion unless they agreed to overturn a law limiting the EU working week to 48 hours.

The UN Security Council on Saturday asked members to lay the groundwork for such a force, but held off authorizing it until its aims and participants were clear.



A young boy receives medical treatment at a Goma hospital yesterday as aid workers return to the rebel-held town in eastern Zaire.

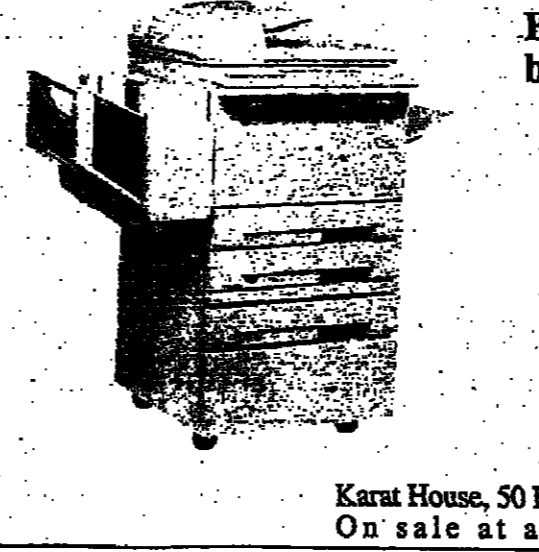
solutions to pacify eastern Zaire. Defense Ministry officials in Madrid said on Monday one possibility was that Spain and France would send troops in a UN-approved multinational rapid-deployment force.

NEWS IN BRIEF

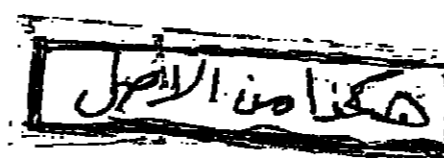
Chernomyrdin: Military reform will hurt MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said military reform would be painful, but drastic cuts were inevitable.

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Little change as investors await CPI

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

Two-Sided Index and Maof Index performance summary.

SHARES were little changed yesterday as investors, waiting for the release of October's Consumer Price Index on Friday, looked for clues over whether the central bank will reduce interest rates.

Prominent among advancing stocks were Elbit and Supersol while Teva slipped.

Investors are "waiting on the index. We hope it will be (a rise of) 0.7 percent or 0.8%," said Ari Edelheit, trader at investment firm Zeller Avilagon.

Across the exchange, NIS 47.6 million (\$14.7m.) of shares traded, 6.7% less than the month's daily average of NIS 51m.

Teva was the most active issue, down 2% on NIS 5.6m of shares traded. Supersol shares climbed 1.75% after posting third-quarter earnings. "Nobody's surprised by

the numbers" at Supersol, Edelheit said. "If we didn't buy it a week ago, there's no reason to buy it now."

Koor rose 0.75%, Koor subsidiary Tadiran advanced 2.5%, Ebron tacked on 1.5%, Hadera Paper moved up 1.5%, Nice jumped 2.25%, and Israel Land Development rose 0.25%.

Among the chemical companies, Makhteshim and Agam added 0.5%, Israel Chemicals finished up 0.75%, and Bromine rose 1.75%. Dead Sea Works was unchanged.

Clal Electronics was unchanged, Clal Electronics lost 0.5%, and Clal Industries rose 1.75%. Blue Square, which runs Co-Op supermarkets, added 0.25%, Shekem was unchanged, and Elco Holdings, which has investments including 44% of Shekem, rose 2%.

Eurobourses climb, dollar recovers vs. mark

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - European bourses climbed sharply yesterday, with some hitting new peaks, despite an unsteady opening on Wall Street after a record-breaking run.

On currency markets, the dollar recovered from two-month lows against the mark on supportive remarks by Bundesbank council members.

Frankfurt and Amsterdam stocks broke records and Paris surged to a new high for the year as the stronger dollar was seen as offering improved potential for European exporters.

European investors went on a buying spree, snuffing off yesterday's early losses on Wall Street which saw its fourth consecutive record close on Monday.

Wall Street recovered some of the losses in later trading. Frankfurt surged to a record intraday high on the IBIS DAX index in computerized transactions as the dollar strengthened.

The 30-share IBIS DAX jumped to an all-time trading peak of 2,765.61 points before slipping back slightly towards the close. The previous best was set only last Friday. Floor trading ended over the 1.50-mk level in late European trade, propelled by the Bundesbank comments.

Currency analysts said with a full schedule of Bundesbank officials speaking over the next three days, these comments could be the start of a fresh round of verbal dollar support.

"Clearly what we're seeing is the Bundesbank go into a strategy of verbal support for the dollar," said James McKay, international economist at PaineWebber in London.

French stocks recovered their composure after slipping in early trade to end at 229.13 points, a gain of 1.09 percent and the highest close of the year.

Bundesbank directorate member Edgar Meister said the current exchange rate was "not appropriate." The "target" rate, which heightened French investors as dollar strength could help US appetite for foreign assets.

In London, stocks built up a head of steam in early trading drawing strength from Wall Street's fourth consecutive record close on Monday. The momentum kept London ahead, even when Wall Street opened in the minus column yesterday.

But traders and strategists say further gains are likely to be limited until the British budget is released on November 26.

Cash levels are very high at the moment, but I don't think anyone is going to be comfortable putting it into the market this side of the budget," said Tim Russell, head of UK equities at Lazard Investors.

Meister's comments, coupled with remarks by Bundesbank council member Hans-Juergen Krupp that he believed a stronger dollar might be more appropriate, helped the dollar recover from lows against the mark.

The US currency edged over the 1.50-mk level in late European trade, propelled by the Bundesbank comments.

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table of international stock prices listing various global markets and companies.

Dow sets 5th straight record close

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks ended in record territory yesterday for the fifth straight session on expectations the Federal Reserve will stand pat on interest rates at today's policy-setting meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 10.44 points to 6,266.04, which beat Monday's record close of 6,255.60.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 13-11 on moderate volume of 475 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table of currency cross-rates for various international currencies.

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Key Representative Rates
U.S. Dollar NIS 3.2390 +0.15
Starting NIS 3.2483 +0.05
German mark NIS 2.1647 +0.44

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET
Dow Jones Industrial Average 11,229.12 +10.44
S&P 500 3,239.00 +15.15

New York market indexes
DJ Industrials 11,229.12 +10.44
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DJ Utility 11,229.12 +10.44

Other stock market indexes
FTSE 100 3,239.00 +15.15
Nikkei 225 11,229.12 +10.44

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LIBOR RATES
3 months 4.75%
6 months 5.00%
12 months 5.25%

Foreign financial data courtesy of
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US commodities
Crude Oil 22.50
Natural Gas 1.50

London commodities
Gold 380.00
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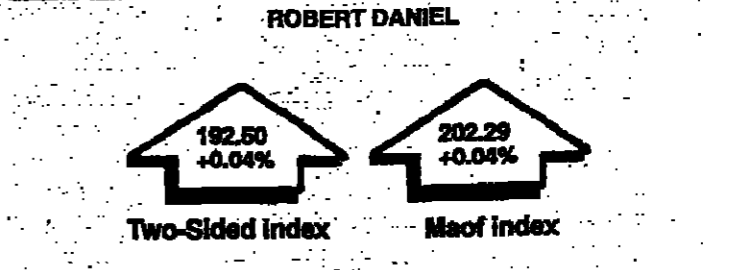
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Little change as investors await CPI

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



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Across the exchange, NIS 47.6 million (\$14.7m.) of shares traded, 6.7% less than the month's daily average of NIS 51m.

World Market Roundup

LONDON (Reuters) - European bourses climbed sharply yesterday, with some hitting new peaks, despite an unsteady opening on Wall Street after a record-breaking rally.

On currency markets, the dollar recovered from two-month lows against the mark on supportive remarks by Bundesbank council members.

Frankfurt and Amsterdam stocks broke records and Paris shares surged to a new high for the year as the stronger dollar was seen as offering improved potential for European exporters.

European investors went on a buying spree, shunning off yesterday's early losses on Wall Street, which saw its fourth consecutive record close on Monday.

Wall Street recovered some of the losses in later trade. Frankfurt surged to a record intra-day high on the IBIS DAX index in computerized transactions as the dollar strengthened.

The 30-share IBIS DAX jumped to an all-time trading peak of 2,765.61 points before slipping back slightly towards the close. The previous best was set only last Friday. Floor trading ended up slightly.

In Amsterdam, Dutch shares ended at a fresh closing high, the second in two days after coming close to breaking through the 600 level on AEX share index for the first time.

The index closed 0.49 points higher at 597.59. It reached to 599.69 in the opening hours of the session, buoyed by another record high closing overnight on Wall Street.

French stocks recovered their composure after slipping in early trade to end at 22,291.13 points, a gain of 1.09 percent and the highest close of the year.

Bundesbank directorate member Edgar Meisler said the current exchange rate was "not appropriate." The "unreal" rise, which heartened French investors as dollar strength could help US appetite for foreign assets.

In London, stocks built up a head of steam in early trading drawing strength from Wall Street's fourth consecutive record close on Monday. The momentum kept London ahead, even when Wall Street opened in the minus column yesterday.

But traders and strategists say further gains are likely to be limited until the British budget is released on November 26.

"Cash levels are very high at the moment, but I don't think anyone is going to be comfortable putting it into the market this side of the budget," said Tim Russell, head of UK equities at Lazard Investors.

Meisler's comments, coupled with remarks by Bundesbank council member Hans-Juergen Krupp that he believed a stronger dollar might be more appropriate, helped the dollar recover from lows against the mark.

The US currency edged over the 1.50 mark level in late European trade, propped by the Bundesbank comments.

Currency analysts said with a full schedule of Bundesbank officials speaking over the next three days, these comments could be the start of a fresh round of verbal dollar support.

"Clearly what we're seeing is the Bundesbank go into a strategy of verbal support for the dollar," said James McKay, international economist at PaineWebber in London.

Dow sets 5th straight record close

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks ended in record territory yesterday for the fifth straight session on expectations the Federal Reserve will stand pat on interest rates at today's policy-setting meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 10.44 points to 6,266.04, which beat Monday's record close of 6,255.60.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 13-11 on moderate volume of 475 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table of currency cross-rates for various countries including Mark, Sterling, Yen, SF, and FF.

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Women's prayer group attacked at Western Wall

Hoffman: Incident was set to coincide with Dayan visit

THE Women of the Wall were the object of haredi violence at the Western Wall yesterday and were forcibly ejected from the area by police, though they have prayed regularly at the Wall without incident over the past six years, according to a spokesperson for the group.

"I was praying. All of a sudden, I heard this one guy yelling ... then I heard boom, boom, they were throwing items. I think a chair, over the divider," said Rachel Jaskow, a member of Women of the Wall.

Jerusalem Municipal Council member Anat Hoffman, who is also a member of the group, said the apparent reason for yesterday's violence was the planned visit to the area of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, scheduled for later that day. Committee head Yael Dayan (Labor) postponed the visit until today, after religious lawmakers warned her of more violence.

Hoffman said she and other members of the group believe they were ambushed by a group of about 10 men, who had come

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specifically for this purpose. Even before the group began praying, she said, these men began attacking them from the men's section with chairs and boards. Instead of stopping the attackers, she said, the police forced the group of women to leave the area.

She quoted a police officer as telling her, "You can't pray like that." When she asked to what he objected, he pointed out that four members of the group of over 40 women were wearing kippot.

Jerusalem district police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said the group of several dozen women had wanted to pray at the Wall wearing kippot and that some men had objected and thrown benches at the women. No arrests were made, he said. None of the women were hurt, but one policeman was injured by a bench.

The police moved the women from the women's section to the

Western Wall Plaza and from there to a place in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City where they completed their prayers, Ben-Ruby said.

"We are checking the details of the incident," he said.

Hoffman said that for the past six years the women had been praying at the Western Wall on every Rosh Hodesh, which marks the beginning of the Hebrew month, as well as on holidays and fast days like Simhat Torah, the Fast of Esther and Tisha Be'av. During that time, no acts of violence had been committed against them, she said.

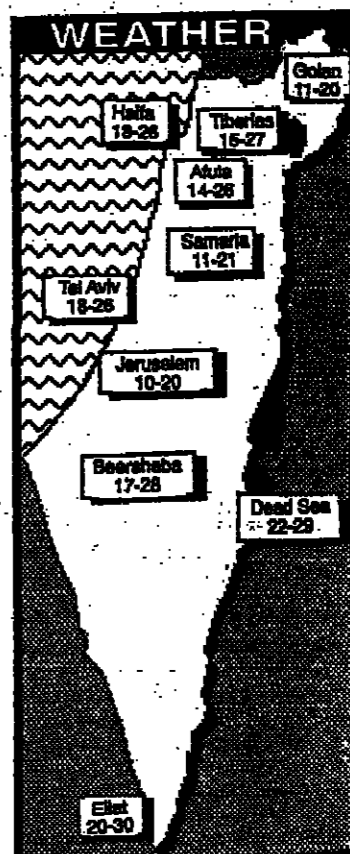
"The regular worshippers have come to accept us," she said.

The Women of the Wall, a group which includes Orthodox, Conservative and Reform women, originally tried to read from a Torah scroll during their prayers at the Western Wall. When the courts ruled that they could not do so, they limited themselves to reciting together those prayers for which a minyan - a quorum of 10 men - is not required.



Police receive 44 new vehicles yesterday at a ceremony at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds. Each vehicle cost NIS 150,000 and is equipped with the latest in hi-tech accessories to help police crack down on traffic offenders and reduce road accidents. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani warned drivers to "watch out - Big Brother is watching from up above."

(Text: Raina Marcus, Photo: Dan Osnovny/Israel Sun)



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear; slightly lower temperatures.

Knesset OKs Matza appointment

THE Knesset confirmed Likud MK Yehoshua Matza as the new health minister yesterday.

Matza's new job was affirmed by 50 votes to one. Only Ahmed Sa'ad (Hadash) voted against

Matza, and 20 opposition MKs abstained.

In the same session, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon read the announcement by Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh appointing former health minister Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud) as justice minister. Since Hanegbi was already in the cabinet, the change did not require Knesset approval.

Hanegbi has been acting justice minister for several months, since Ya'acov Ne'eman was forced to resign to face criminal charges related to the Aryeh Deri trial.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, asking the Knesset's approval for Matza's appointment, recalled his contribution as a member of the pre-State Lehi underground, a long-serving parliamentarian and former chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee, which often dealt with health-related issues.

"We need your strength and your energy," Netanyahu told Matza.

MK Shevah Weiss (Labor) criticized Hanegbi's appointment, although he said he wished him well and hoped he would become more moderate in the new position.

AROUND THE WORLD

Location	Low	High	Forecast
Australia	15-20	20-25	cloudy
Bahamas	24-28	28-32	cloudy
Bangkok	24-28	28-32	cloudy
Buenos Aires	10-15	15-20	cloudy
Calcutta	24-28	28-32	cloudy
Chicago	10-15	15-20	cloudy
Cairo	15-20	20-25	cloudy
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Knesset panel orders police to collect bail money

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YIGAL Amir appealed to the Supreme Court to overturn his conviction for conspiring to murder Arabs yesterday, arguing he cannot be found guilty of a conspiracy that remained purely theoretical.

Amir - along with brother Haggai and Dror Adani - was convicted by the Tel Aviv District Court last month of conspiracy, and illegal possession and manufacture of weapons. The court sentenced him to five years in prison, which will be added his sentence of life plus six years for murdering prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and wounding bodyguard Yoram Rubin.

Amir's attorney, Shmuel Fleishman, argued that no one has ever before been convicted for conspiracy without having taken concrete steps to carry out their plans. This was not the case with the Amirs and Adani, Fleishman said, because their "plan" was conditional on a number of developments that never took place and

never were likely to do so, either.

According to the district court, Fleishman said, the three had decided to carry out reprisals against Arabs only if a series of conditions were fulfilled. The first was in the case of an IDF withdrawal from Judea and Samaria that left Jewish settlements unprotected. If such a withdrawal were followed by a government figure organizing a self-defense group for the settlements, the Amirs and Adani would join. And if there were then an attack against the settlements by Palestinians, the three would fight.

Since none of these developments even now are contemplated, Fleishman said, the Amirs' "plans" were more fantasy than conspiracy.

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